

How to Buy a NOAA Weather Radio

NOAA Weather Radio receivers come in many sizes and have a variety of different features. A good receiver should be able to operate on batteries when electrical service is interrupted. Look for radios with an AC adapter and battery compartment.

Make sure the radio is tunable or adjustable to all seven NOAA Weather Radio frequencies. In addition, we suggest that you select a model with a NWR SAME receiver, which will allow you to program the Georgia counties of your choice. Those who own older weather radios may also want to consider upgrading to a SAME model. The 6-digit SAME code numbers are featured in the county table inside this brochure.

NOAA Weather Radio receivers range in price from \$35 to more than \$100, depending on the quality of the receiver and number of features, and can be purchased in any electronics store. For a listing of additional sources, visit the NWS NOAA Weather Radio Web site at www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr.



Georgia Emergency Management Agency



FEMA



NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards In Georgia



The best way to survive an emergency is to know when it's coming so you can take appropriate action. A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio is the optimal way to hear Watches and Warnings from the National Weather Service (NWS), even if they are issued in the middle of the night. NOAA Weather Radios are recommended as standard equipment in every home and public gathering place.

What is NOAA Weather Radio?

Working in conjunction with the Federal Communication Commission's Emergency Alert System, NOAA Weather Radio is the single source for the most comprehensive weather and emergency information available to the public. NOAA Weather Radio is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from a nearby NWS office. NOAA Weather Radios can tune in county-specific alerts so residents hear only when severe weather is headed directly for where they live. In addition, users can block certain alerts that aren't important to them. For example, residents living on high ground can block flood warnings. NOAA Weather Radios also can broadcast non-weather related emergencies, including the "Levi's Call" missing child alert.

The NOAA Weather Radio Network in Georgia

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), working in partnership with the National Weather Service (NWS), has expanded NOAA Weather Radio coverage. Georgia now has a robust NOAA Weather Radio Network, comprising more than two dozen transmitters scattered from near the Florida border to the mountains of extreme north Georgia. More than 98 percent of the state can now receive NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts.

How NOAA Weather Radio Works

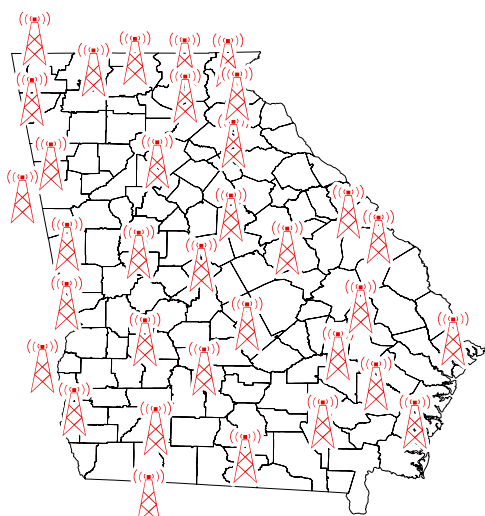
During an emergency, NWS forecasters will interrupt routine weather radio programming with a special tone that will activate weather radios in the listening area. NWS simultaneously broadcasts a digital Specific Area Message Encoder (SAME) code that contains the type of message and the county(s) affected.

Those with NWR SAME receiver can program their radio so that it will provide an alert only of weather and other emergencies for the county(s) they desire. NWR receivers without the SAME capability would alert for emergencies anywhere within the coverage area of the NWR transmitter, which typically involves several counties.

The hearing and visually impaired also can receive these warnings by connecting weather radios with alarm tones to other kinds of attention-getting devices, like strobe lights, pagers, bed-shakers, personal computers and text printers.



NOAA Weather Radio Transmitter Sites



What to Listen for

Using the NOAA Weather Radio in conjunction with an up-to-date preparedness plan will help you make the correct decisions when disaster strikes.

A **severe thunderstorm Watch** is issued when severe thunderstorms are possible in your area. A **severe thunderstorm Warning** is issued when severe thunderstorms are imminent or have been indicated by Doppler radar or reported by storm spotters.

A **tornado Watch** is issued when a tornado is possible in your area. A **tornado Warning** is issued when a tornado is imminent or has been indicated by Doppler radar or reported by storm spotters. Move to your predesignated place of safety immediately!

A **hurricane Watch** is issued when hurricane conditions are possible in your area within 36 hours. A **hurricane Warning** is issued when hurricane conditions are expected in your area within 24 hours. Complete all storm preparations and evacuate if directed by local officials.



County	Frequency(ies)	SAME	County	Frequency(ies)	SAME
Appling	162.525, 162.475, 162.450	013001	Lamar	162.500, 162.525	013171
Atkinson	162.475	013003	Lanier	162.500, 162.475	013173
Bacon	162.475, 162.450	013005	Laurens	162.400, 162.450	013175
Baker	162.550	013007	Lee	162.425, 162.550, 162.450	013177
Baldwin	162.450, 162.525, 162.475	013009	Liberty	162.400, 162.450	013179
Banks	162.400, 162.525, 162.425	013011	Lincoln	162.550, 162.425	013181
Barrow	162.400, 162.525	013013	Long	162.450	013183
Bartow	162.400, 162.450	013015	Lowndes	162.500, 162.475, 162.550	013185
Ben Hill	162.400, 162.450	013017	Lumpkin	162.525, 162.500, 162.450	013187
Berrien	162.500, 162.475	013019	McDuffie	162.550	013189
Bibb	162.475, 162.500, 162.525	013021	McIntosh	162.450, 162.425	013191
Bleckley	162.475, 162.400	013023	Macon	162.475, 162.425	013193
Brantley	162.475, 162.450, 162.425	013025	Madison	162.400, 162.525	013195
Brooks	162.500, 162.400, 162.550	013027	Marion	162.400, 162.425	013197
Bryan	162.400, 162.425	013029	Meriwether	162.450, 162.500	013199
Bulloch	162.425, 162.400	013031	Miller	162.550, 162.525	013201
Burke	162.550, 162.425	013033	Mitchell	162.550	013205
Butts	162.500, 162.525	013035	Monroe	162.475, 162.500, 162.525	013207
Calhoun	162.550, 162.525	013037	Montgomery	162.425	013209
Camden	162.425, 162.475, 162.550	013039	Morgan	162.400, 162.525	013211
Candler	162.425	013043	Murray	162.400, 162.550	013213
Carroll	162.425, 162.450, 162.475	013045	Muscogee	162.400	013215
Catoosa	162.400, 162.550	013047	Newton	162.550, 162.525	013217
Charlton	162.475, 162.550	013049	Oconee	162.400, 162.525	013219
Chatham	162.400, 162.455	013051	Oglethorpe	162.400	013221
Chattahoochee	162.400	013053	Paulding	162.425	013223
Chattooga	162.450, 162.550, 162.400	013055	Peach	162.475, 162.500, 162.400	013225
Cherokee	162.550, 162.400, 162.525	013057	Pickens	162.400, 162.525	013227
Clarke	162.400, 162.525	013059	Pierce	162.475, 162.450	013229
Clay	162.475, 162.525	013061	Pike	162.500	013231
Clayton	162.550, 162.500	013063	Polk	162.450, 162.425	013233
Clinch	162.475	013065	Pulaski	162.400	013235
Cobb	162.550	013067	Putnam	162.525	013237
Coffee	162.475	013069	Quitman	162.475, 162.525	013239
Colquitt	162.550, 162.500	013071	Rabun	162.425, 162.450	013241
Columbia	162.550, 162.425, 162.450	013073	Randolph	162.425, 162.475, 162.525	013243
Cook	162.550, 162.500	013075	Richmond	162.550, 162.500, 162.450	013245
Coweta	162.450, 162.500	013077	Rockdale	162.550, 162.525	013247
Crawford	162.475, 162.500	013079	Schley	162.425	013249
Crisp	162.400, 162.425, 162.450	013081	Screven	162.425, 162.500	013251
Dade	162.550	013083	Seminole	162.400, 162.550, 162.525	013253
Dawson	162.525	013085	Spalding	162.500	013255
Decatur	162.550, 162.400, 162.425, 162.525	013087	Stephens	162.425, 162.525	013257
DeKalb	162.550	013089	Stewart	162.400, 162.425, 162.475	013259
Dodge	162.400	013091	Sumter	162.425	013261
Dooly	162.400, 162.425	013093	Talbot	162.400, 162.500	013263
Dougherty	162.550, 162.450	013096	Taliaferro	162.525	013265
Douglas	162.550, 162.425	013097	Tattnall	162.525, 162.425, 162.450	013267
Early	162.525, 162.475, 162.550, 162.425	013099	Taylor	162.500, 162.425	013269
Echols	162.500, 162.475	013101	Telfair	162.400	013271
Effingham	162.400, 162.450	013103	Terrell	162.425, 162.550, 162.525	013273
Elbert	162.400, 162.425	013105	Thomas	162.400, 162.550	013275
Emanuel	162.450, 162.550	013107	Tift	162.550, 162.450	013277
Evans	162.425	013109	Toombs	162.525, 162.425	013279
Fannin	162.400, 162.500, 162.475	013111	Towns	162.500, 162.450	013281
Fayette	162.550, 162.500	013113	Treutlen	162.400, 162.450, 162.425	013283
Floyd	162.450	013115	Troup	162.450, 162.500	013285
Forsyth	162.550, 162.525	013117	Turner	162.450	013287
Franklin	162.525, 162.425, 162.400	013119	Twiggs	162.475, 162.400	013289
Fulton	162.550	013121	Union	162.500	013291
Gilmer	162.400, 162.475	013123	Upson	162.500	013293
Glascok	162.450, 162.550	013125	Walker	162.400, 162.550, 162.450	013295
Glynn	162.425, 162.475	013127	Walton	162.400, 162.525, 162.550	013297
Gordon	162.400, 162.550, 162.450	013129	Ware	162.475	013299
Grady	162.400, 162.550	013131	Warren	162.450	013301
Greene	162.400, 162.525	013133	Washington	162.450, 162.550	013303
Gwinnett	162.550, 162.525	013135	Wayne	162.450, 162.475	013305
Habersham	162.525, 162.425, 162.450	013137	Webster	162.400, 162.425	013307
Hall	162.400, 162.525, 162.425	013139	Wheeler	162.400	013309
Hancock	162.450, 162.525, 162.550	013141	White	162.525, 162.500, 162.425, 162.450	013311
Haralson	162.425, 162.475	013143	Whitfield	162.400, 162.550	013313
Harris	162.400, 162.500	013145	Wilcox	162.400	013315
Hart	162.400, 162.525	013147	Wilkes	162.400, 162.425, 162.550	013317
Heard	162.450, 162.475	013149	Wilkinson	162.475, 162.450, 162.400	013319
Henry	162.550, 162.500, 162.525	013151	Worth	162.550, 162.450	013321
Houston	162.475, 162.400, 162.525	013153			
Irwin	162.475	013155			
Jackson	162.400, 162.525	013157			
Jasper	162.525	013159			
Jeff Davis	162.525, 162.475	013161			
Jefferson	162.450, 162.550	013163			
Jenkins	162.425, 162.550	013165			
Johnson	162.400, 162.450, 162.550	013167			
Jones	162.475, 162.525	013169			

The first frequency listed should be the strongest in your area, but you might want to check all of them before programming your radio. To receive alerts for a specific area, you will need to program the 6-digit SAME code for your county. For more information about NOAA Weather Radio and a complete frequency list, visit www.weather.gov/nwr/cntycov/nwrga.htm.